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MINUTES

OF THE

ALABAMA

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

HELD WITH THE

IN

GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

BUTLER COUNTY ALA.,

[illegible] 11th, 12th and 13th October 1862.

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THE SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches	P. O.	Clerk	Ministers	Dismissed.	Baptized.	Received by Vouchers.	Received by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.	Sabbath Meetings.
Providence	Oneida													
Antioch	Selma	W. C. Cleveland	D. Peebles	1	7	....	4	4	..	..	29	338	367	....
Centre Ridge	Carrollville	J. A. Fountain	D. M. Reeves	21	28	....	2	1	..	1	68	200	268	....
Mt. Lebanon	Pleasant Hill	J. E. Williams	P. E. Collins		6	....	5	..	..	3	67	83	150	....
Town Creek	Benton	E. W. Hardy	D. Peebles	1	45	....	3	4	4	4	128	127	255	....
Center Springs	"	J. Johnson	D. Peebles	5	2	....	....	..	..	2	36	61	97	3
Bethany	"	D. East	P. H. Landy	..	81	....	....	4	3	..	42	233	275	1
Benton	"	J. C. Hill	David Lee	2	..	....	....	1	..	..	28	16	44	....
Mt. Gilead	"	J. A. Edwards	P. H. Landy	..	28	....	1	4	2	..	48	153	201	....
Antioch	"	H. Owen	C. F. Sturgis	1	3	....	....	..	..	7	43	102	145	....
Rehoboth	R. Wilkes	S. H. Robertson	D. Lee		6	..	3	1	..	5	138	73	211	1
New Bethel	[illegible] Store	J. F. Posey	B. H. Crumpton	..	6	....	2	..	..	6	....	....	....	3
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]											
Hurricane	Hurricane	B. B. Randolph	T. M. Baily											
[illegible]	Mt. Pleasant	T. Blake	D. Lee											
[illegible]	[illegible]	R. M. Bort	M. Bishop	5	11	....	5	..	..	1	87	11	98	1
Good Hope	Martinsham	A. Pender	F. H. Moss	2	..	....	2	..	..	..	36	8	38	4
Sleepy Creek	Haynesville	R. B. Dickerson	T. M. Baily	2	17	8	11	..	..	6	50	38	88	
Unity	Prattville	B. F. Smith	P. H. Landy	5	6	....	1	..	..	..	65	56	121	....
1st Ch. Montgomery	Montgomery	Jno. Stratford	R. Manly	25	25	....	17	26	5	21	236	438	674	all
[illegible]		H. W. Watson	F. Calloway	8	8	....	16	3	..	3	....	....	76	....
[illegible]														
Elam		Moses M. Lamore	A. L. M. Handey	5	20	1	1	19	4	1	23	527	550	1
Salem		James Collar	J. S. Holmes	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ebenezer		A. Boyd	G. G. McLendon	3	....	....	1	1	....	....	39	6	45	....
Antioch	Mt. Meigs	W. B. Ray	H. E. Taliaferro	..	15	....	....	12	....	....	20	442	462	4
Pine Level	Pine Level	H. W. Clark	T. J. Miles	3	18	....	1	1	....	1	66	19	85	....
Mt. Lebanon	Valley	J. H. Bradshaw	G. G. McLendon	2	8	1	....	....	....	1	24	47	71	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	D. R. Bell	J. S. Holmes	1	..	1	1	2	....	....	57	28	85	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	M. Bishop	12	2	....	4	10	..	3	164	22	186	3
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	J. E. Bell		14	1	4	....	....	....	....	....	135	2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	J. C. R. Lockhart		7	....	1	2	....	3	35	18	53	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	A. A. Pencille		3	....	1	....	....	2	37	27	64	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H. E. Park	12	....	....	3	....	1	....	20	1	21	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	J. A. Pengville		9	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	31	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				1	....	....	....	....	....	30	....
New Hope	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]											
Mt. Olive	[illegible]	[illegible]	M. Bishop		11		3	....	....	....	....	....	33	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	J. C. R. Lockhart								13	1	14	....

PROCEEDINGS.

The Alabama Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the church in Greenville, Butler county, Ala., Oct. 10, 1862.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Fonville, from 2d Cor. 8th chapter, 9th verse.

After a recess of an hour the delegates re-assembled in the meeting house, and the business was opened by the moderator, Elder D. Lee.

After singing, prayer by Elder M. Bishop.

The letters from the churches were read and the names of the delegates were enrolled as follows.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Providence:

Shiloh: H. F. Calloway, L. Stow, W. C. Johnson*.

Center Ridge: D. R. Lide, S. W. Lide.

Mt. Lebanon, Dallas Co.: B. H. Crumpton*, C. Cobb*, J. Vaughn.

Town Creek: Elder R. Whitman*, W. W. Hardy*, S. S. Pierce.

Sister Springs: J. Johnson*, A. J. Smoke, D. Smoke*.

Bethany: Elder P. H. Landy, D. Rast*, Wm. Stringer*.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Benton: J. Gaskin, S. Carter and J. C. Hill*.

Mt. Gilead: W. B. Hamilton, T. Barlow.

Ash Creek: T. Moss*, Elder C. F. Sturgis*, H. Orum*.

Hopewell: Elder D. Lee, J. H. Brown, J. H. Robertson.

New Bethel: J. T. Posey, J. Bruner*.

Lowndesboro: Not represented.

Hayneville: " "

Smyrna: T. C[illegible] and — Bedsole.*

Bethel: S. Jones, [illegible]. Pennebaker* G. Smith.

Good Hope: John Sinclair* A. Pinckard.

Step Creek: [illegible] F. M. Bailey, Z. S. Mudows, C. G. Powell.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Unity : R. F. Smith, D. Holt*, E. Presley.

Montgomery, 1st Church : Elder B. Manly*, B. F. Noble*, W. W. Waller.

Rehoboth : Not represented.

Elim, Montgomery County : M. McLemore*, B. F. Caffey*, A. J. McLemore.

Salem : Wm. Jones.

Ramah : Elder G. G. McLendon, A. Boyd, V. A. Pearson.

Antioch : J. H. Cogburn, R. S. Jones, W. B. Ray*.

Montgomery, 2d. Church : J. A. Baldwin, H. W. Watson, T. F. Thomasson.

Mt. Lebanon, Montgomery County : J. C. Walker, G. Long*, G. B. Cantey*.

Bethesda : Elder J. S. Holmes*, W. B. Myrick*, E. Dicke.

Pine Level : Elder T. J. Miles*, N. D. Wright, W. B. Blackburn.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

†*Mt. Olive :* N. B. Lynn, W. Dickens.

Greenville : Elder J. E. Bell, J. G. Thames, W. H. Goldsmith.

Sardis : P. H. Drake, W. H. Stanley, J. W. Hickmon*.

Philadelphia : T. W. Thrower, E. Allen, D. Bradley*.

Hickory Grove : Elder J. A. Fonville, F. Armstrong, A. Dean*.

New Ebenezer : E. Simons*, C. C. Methershed, E. Griffin.

Damascus : Elder M. Bishop, H. S. Stagars, S. F. Andress.

Macedonia : F. L. Ellis, Wm. Price, S. Mercer.

Ephesus : J. F. Smith, J. G. Cook*.

Went into the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder David Lee, Moderator, Elder J. E. Bell Clerk, and W. B. Haralson, Treasurer.

Invited visiting ministers, not members, to seats in the body.

Appointed the regular committees as follows :

On Religious Exercises : H. W. Watson, D. R. Lide, T. Barlow and Deacons of the church in Greenville.

On Missions, to report next Session : Elder T. M. Bailey, A. J. McLemore, H. S. Stagars, G. G. McLendon, J. G. Brown.

On Sabbath Schools, to report next Session : W. W. Waller, S. Jordan, J. E. Bell, A. Plaglar, Jno. Grisham.

On Documents : J. A. Fonville, F. L. Ellis, W. H. Goldsmith, J. H. Robertson, John Posey.

On state of religion in the Churches : Elder M. Bishop, J. H. Cogburn, P. H. Drake, N. D. Wright, L. Pierce.

On Finance : D. R. Lide, F. Armstrong, B. F. Smith.

Auditing Committee : Thos. Carson, H. W. Watson, U. G. Powell.

* Absent.

† Dismissed.

Called for correspondence from other Associons. The following responded :

Unity : Elder I. U. Wilkes, L. B. Parker, and package of Minutes.

Bethlehem : Elder C. S. Thornton and A. Hendricks.

Pine Barren : W. Walthal and package of Minutes.

Tuskegee : Elder Samuel Henderson.

Salem : Package of Minutes.

Central : ———

Bethel : ———

Catawba : Elder M. T. Sumner.

Zion : Elder J. C. R. Lockhart, T. J. Webb, W. C. Corley and Elder O. S. Oswalt.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Catawba : D. R. Lide, and to write a special letter.

Pine Barren : Elder M. Bishop, H. S. Stagers, D. R. Lide, Elder David Lee.

Tuskegee : H. W. Watson, P. H. Landy, T. Barlow, W. W. Waller.

Bethlehem : Elder D. Lee, J. E. Bell, J. G. Thames, H. S. Stagars.

Salem : N. D. Wright, T. J. Miles, M. Bishop, J. A. Fonville, F. Armstrong.

Central : J. H. Cogburn.

Bethel : Elder D. M. Reeves.

Unity : T. Barlow, D. Gordon, J. Grisham, S. Carson, J. A. Fonville.

Zion: H. S. Stagars, P. H. Drake, J. H. Smith, Elder M. Bishop.

Appointed H. W. Watson to write the General Corresponding Letter.

Elder P. H. Lundy to write a special letter to the Baptist State Convention.

Resolved, To place the new churches received last year in their appropriate districts.

Resolved, That half an hour each day, during the session of this body, be set apart for special prayer in behalf of our afflicted country, the cause of missions and revival of religion in the churches composing this body, and that the business of the Association be suspenned at 10 o'clock for that purpose.

Resolved, To make the meeting of the Sunday School Society of this Association the special order of the day to-morrow at half past ten o'clock.

The committee on religious exercises reported Elder T. M. Bailey to preach to-night and Elder I. U. Wilkes to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by J. C. R. Locklart.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, Oct. 1862.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Samuel Henderson.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Ten o'clock having arrived, spent half an hour in prayer after which by special order the Sunday School Society held its session.

Adjourned for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Called for report on Missions. Pending the adoption interesting speeches were delivered by bro. M. T. Sammo and others.

Report adopted. [See Appendix A.]

W. W. Waller offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That it is the sense of this body that the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Co-

vention should immediately enter upon the work of army colportage, upon the plan adopted by the Colportage Association of Virginia.

Resolved, 2*d*, That we will as a body and individually co-operate with them to the best of our ability.

Resolved, 3*d*, That it is the opinion of this entire body that the work of colportage is a legitimate work of the above named board, and also that the Southern Baptist Convention will ratify any steps taken by the board having for its object the spread of the gospel and the conversion of souls.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Report of Committee on Documents adopted. [See Appendix C.]

Report of the Mission Board of the Association adopted. [See Appendix D.]

General Corresponding Letter adopted. [See Appendix E.]

Committee on Religious Exercises reported arrangements for Sunday preaching as follows:

Elder M. T. Sasser to preach the Mission Sermon at 11 o'clock, as bro. P. H. Lundy, the appointee, desired to be excused from that service.

Elder Sandy Henderson after dinner.

Elder I. C. Wilkes at night.

Elder T. M. Bailey to preach at 11 o'clock in the Presbyterian church.

Elder J. C. R. Lockhart at 2 1-2 o'clock to the blacks in the Presbyterian church.

Resolved, To refer the appointment of brethren to preach the next annual sermons to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

They reported Elder T. J. Miles to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder G. G. McLendon alternate.

Elder M. Bishop to preach the Missionary Sermon. J. E. Bell alternate.

Resolved, To reconsider the adoption of the report of the committee on Sunday Schools.

Resolved, To strike the above committee from the list of standing committees, and that the whole subject be referred

to the Sunday School Society of the Alabama Baptist Association.

WHEREAS, A member of the church in Greenville, Miss Abbey M. Rudolph has for some time been exerting herself in the State of Texas to promote the Kingdom of our Lord and Master. Therefore be it

Resolved, That this body tender our sister, Miss Rudolph, our thanks for her mite of labor and love in the cause of Christ, and assure her of our sympathy and prayers.

Resolved, That all the books belonging to this Association be turned over to bro. Creath to be distributed among the soldiers.

Adjourned until after meeting of Bible Society to-night.

Prayer by bro. Sumner.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association called to order. The Moderator being absent, called bro. H. W. Watson to the chair.

Report of Committee on Finance received and referred to Auditing Committee.

Report of Committee on state of Religion in the Churches received. [See Appendix F.]

Referred the case of Ephesus and New Ebenezer churches to the Mission Board of the Association.

Resolved, That Mt. Olive church be granted a letter of dismission.

Resolved, That all funds on hand for Army Colportage and Tract Distribution be paid to the Committee of the Baptist Church of Montgomery, for distribution.

Took up the question of changing the time of meeting of the Association.

It was resolved that our time meeting as before, on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in October.

Adjourned until Sunday night after preaching.

Prayer by Elder M. Bishop.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Called for report of Auditing Committee.

They reported that they had examined the reports of Finance Committee and Treasurer and found them correct.

Report of Finance Committee. [See Appendix G.]

Report of Treasurer and Financial Statement. [See Appendix H.]

It was ordered that J. E. Bell, the Clerk, receive and receipt for sister Webb's money.

It was ordered that the Clerk receive thirty dollars for his services.

That he superintend the publishing and distribution of the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Moderater be appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that he be empowered to appoint 9 others.

Moderator reported list of delegates to the State Convention, viz: J. A. Fonville, M. Bishop, J. E. Bell, W. W. Waller, T. A. Carson, P. H. Lundy, C. F. Sturgis, T. M. Bailey, B. Manly, Sr., D. R. Lide.

Resolved, that the churches within the bounds of this body be earnestly requested to raise during the month of November next the sum of $800 00, to be paid quarterly, to support a Missionary in the army who shall be appointed by the Domestic Board at Marion.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to present a memorial of bro. J. J. Webb's death. Com.: H. W. Watson, P. H. Lundy, T. M Bailey. They reported that the Rev. J. J. Webb, a member of this body, since our last session has departed this life. At our last meeting he was present laboring in the cause of his Master. Now while his brethren are here still laboring in the church militant, he has entered upon his rest in the church triumphant in heaven. Our brother was zealous and devoted to the cause of his Master, but he "rests from his labors and his works do follow him." We tender our sympathies to his bereaved widow and child in this their sad affliction, praying that God by his grace may sustain them.

Resolved, That the Sunday School Society be allowed to publish their Minutes with those of the Association, and that the Clerk draw on the Treasurer, T. F. Thomasson, for their pro rata share of the expenses.

Resolved, To relieve bro. Haralson, Treasurer, from receiving pledges in his account current for the future.

On the Sabbath the brethren appointed to preach our

forward and preached to large and attentive congregations. At the close of the Mission sermon at 11 o'clock, a public collection for Army Colportage. Amount $104 40.

After singing, striking parting hands and prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with the Bethany Church, Lowndes county, on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1863. DAVID LEE, Mod'r.

J. E. BELL, Cl'k.

MINUTES OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION—EIGHTH SESSION.

Association met in the Baptist church at 7 o'clock, Saturday evening, Oct. 11, 1862.

The President and one Vice President being absent the Society was called to order by the 2d Vice President, H. W. Watson.

Prayer by Bro. M. Bishop.

Appointed J. E. Bell to act as Secretary.

While a hymn was being sung the following persons were constituted annual members by the payment of one dollar each:

J. H. Cogburn $1,00, W. W. Waller $1,00. T. M. Baily $1.00. U. G. Powell $1,00, J. H. Robertson $1.00. B. S. Meadows $1.00, E. A. Mosly $1,00, M. Bishop $1.00, B. F. Smith $1,00, T. Barlow $1.00, J. A. Perdew $1.00, J. E. Bell $1,00, F. Armstrong $1.00, J. A. Baldwin $1.00. H. S. Stagars $1,00, J. R. Hightower $1.00, F. S. Ellis $1,00.

M. T. Sumner then proposed to be one of twenty to pay $100.00 to buy Testaments for the soldiers, and the following response was made:

M. T. Sumner $5.00. J. G. Thames $5.00, T. M. Baily $5.00, J. H. Cogburn $5.00, U. G. Powell $5,00, A. J. McLemore $5.00, T. A. Carson $5.00, R. S. Jones $5.00, T. Barlow $5.00, W. W. Waller $5.00, H. W. Watson $5.00. Bro. Baily paid for J. P. Streety $15.00 and B. B. Rudolph $15.00. G. McLendon $2.50, J. M. Martin $5.00, A. Boyd $1.00, V. A. Pearson $5.00 F. S. Ellis $5.00 E. P. Dick $5.00, W. H. Thames $5.00, S. Jordan [illegible] J. J. Conklin pledges $10,00 to make Bro. C. S. Thornton a life [illegible] and $20.00 to make himself a life director of the Society.

[illegible] appointed a committe of three to nominate officers for next year. [illegible] J. E. Bell, P. H. Lundy, T. M. Baily. They nominated for President H. W. Watson, 1st Vice President, M. Bishop, 2d Vice President, G. G. [illegible], Treasurer, W. B. Haralson, Secretary, J. E. Bell.

[illegible] satisfactory evidence that the funds of last year have been [illegible] according to the resolution of the Society.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Society be published with those of the Association.

Resolved, That all the funds now on hand, (except the hundred dollars [illegible] for Testaments for soldiers raised on Bro. Sumner's proposition,) be paid to the Committee of the 1st Baptist Church, Montgomery, [illegible] invested in Testaments and Tracts to be distributed among Alabama soldiers.

Adjourned to meet at the next time and place of the meeting of the Alabama Association.

H. W. WATSON, Pr's.

J. E. Bell, Sec'y.

MINUTES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION—FIRST SESSION.

At [illegible] time the Sunday School Society of the Alabama Association [illegible] by calling P. H. Lundy to the chair. J. E. [illegible] appointed Secretary.

H. W. Watson offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Alabama Baptist Association at its last session "Resolved that one day of each annual meeting be appropriated to the subject of Sunday Schools," therefore be it

Resolved, 1*st*, That we pledge ourselves to each other and to God that we will use our earnest efforts to establish a Sunday School in the church to which we belong, give to such schools our individual efforts and prayers.

Resolved 2*d*, That Sunday Schools should maintain its hold upon our hearts, and in view of our responsibilities to the young and rising generation we should redouble our energies, labors and prayers.

W. W. Waller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all the delegates from the churches having Sunday Schools and all others interested, do now form themselves into a Society to be called the Sunday School Society of the Alabama Baptist Association, and that this Society take a position in the Association similar to that of the Bible Society, and that the Association be requested to set apart a special time for the Society to hold its meetings.

An opportunity was then given for persons to become members of the Society by the payment of fifty cents, and the following were enrolled:

P. H. Lundy $1,00. W. W. Waller $2,00. J. H. Cogburn $1,00. T. M. Bailey 50. U. G. Powell 75. H. W. Watson 50. T. A. Carmon 50. W. B. Harrison 50. M. Bishop 45. J. A. Baldwin 50. B. S. Meadows 75. T. Bailey 50. A. G. McLemore $1,00. E. O. Mosley 1,00. J. Gresham 50. W. B. Blair 50. S. F. Andrews 50. J. C. Walker 50. T. W. Thrower 50. A. Lloyd 50. S. W. Lide 50. J. G. Thames 50. E. Clarke 50. J. Cross 50. J. J. Vaughan 50. Capt. 50. V. A. Pearson 25. S. Jordan 50. F. S. Hill 50. Wm. Jones 50. A. Pearson 50. J. A. Fairchild $1,00. H. T. Callaway 50. Wm. Price 50. W. H. Turner 50. C. C. Mothershed 50. N. P. Wright 50.

Resolved, To go into organization.

T. M. Bailey nominated W. W. Waller for President, H. W. Watson Secretary, T. F. Thomason Treasurer.

Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of three to report a Constitution for the Society to be presented at the next meeting.

Committee: H. W. Watson, T. M. Bailey and J. F. Bell.

On motion the Chair was added to the committee.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Alabama Baptist and Southern Baptist, and the Secretary furnish a copy for publication.

Adjourned.

W. W. WALLER, *Pres't*.

H. W. WATSON, *Sec'y*.

APPENDIX.

A.

Report on Missions.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Association to prepare a report on Missions find but few facts to enter into the details of a report.

Under the different boards of our denomination there are Missions in China and Africa: among some of the tribes of Indians west of the Mississippi river; in destitute portions of our own country, and particularly among the soldiers of the Confederate army.

In China and Africa the Missionaries have not relinquished their work; none of them have returned. Through the favor of a gracious Providence they find the means of support; and the Board in Richmond have a secure and confidential channel for making remittances to them notwithstanding the war now raging.

In the Indian country the war has disturbed our Missionaries as well as other portions of our border. But some of the Missionaries remain at their post. Bro. Buckner has been enabled to print a Hymn Book and one of the Gospels, for the use of the Indians, and still retains his position and influence among them, although with no little privation and some danger. Among the Cherokees, it is understood there is some commotion; but the probability is that the great body of the nation will remain in peaceful alliance with the Southern Confederacy. Our Missions among them, henceforward, will probably consist, for the most part, in aid furnished to *commissioned workers*, who have been authorized, or may be authorized, by the Board among themselves, to teach and to preach, under the general advice and supervision of *a few able men*, whose *character inspires confidence and respect*, both at home and among the Indians.

As to Missions in our own land, the work of our Board at Marion has, during the year, taken a direction toward our brethren and companions in arms, engaged in defending our country. This is a work which commends itself to our consciences of duty, and to every feeling of our hearts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. MANLY, Ch'n

B.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The committee appointed to report on Sunday Schools, report that they have endeavored to get statistics from the schools within the bounds of this Association, and hence can form no correct idea of the progress of the work. They learn, however, from private sources that this enterprise is languishing. The committee do not think they say too much when they assert this to be the most important of all of the Missionary enterprises in which the people of God are engaged. To offer the arguments in favor of this position which appear to us to be to our minds, would extend this report beyond proper limits. Sermons have been preached, addresses delivered and papers read before associations, and yet this great, this glorious enterprise is comparatively neglected. The only argument now available is *action, action*. Thousands of pamphlets have been issued by committees in relation to Missionary matters, but the committee do not hesitate to say that they doubt whether one in a hundred of all these reports has ever been instrumental in establishing a single Sunday School, or have they been instrumental in strengthening the hands

of those engaged in the work, unaccompanied as they have been by statistics. Our religious Missionary bodies have not taken the work into their own hands. They have not in any way taken it under their care. It has had no representation in our bodies, and the entire enterprise has been ignored except a written report embodying the views of a committee, and some few speeches and arguments, all expressing a desire that the work may prosper. These reports have been published in our Minutes and have been a dead letter.

The time for this fruitless and unprofitable ceremony to cease has arrived, and we recommend that the resolutions adopted by this body at its last annual session be carried out with reference to this work, and that we not only express a wish for the prosperity of Sunday Schools, but that when we return home we enter upon the work vigorously with the determination that the work shall go on. We recommend and urge action, and that no time be lost.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. WALLER, Ch'n.

C.

Report on Documents.

Your Committee on Documents beg leave to report that we have examined the Documents placed in our hands and find nothing worthy of special notice to this body.

Respectfully submitted.

A. FONVILLE, Ch'n.

D.

Report of the Mission Board.

E.

Corresponding Letter.

F.

On the State of Religion.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches beg leave to make the following report:

We find by calculation that the Association has increased in number during the past year. Most of the churches report gracious revivals, and are made to rejoice although surrounded by national difficulties, while but few are mourning over coldness and a low state of piety among them.

We recommend to the favorable notice of the body the Ephesus and New Ebeneezer churches, both of which are destitute of a regular pastor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. BISHOP, [illegible]

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Financial Statement.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION FUND.

Amount balance on hand from last year's account - -	$142 [illegible]	
" sent up by the churches - - - - - - - - -	47 05	$189 [illegible]

COLORED MISSION FUND.

Amount balance on hand from last year's account, - -	$177 00	
" sent up this session - - - - - - - - -	8 00	185 00

CONVENTION FUND.

Foreign Missions, - - - - - - - - - - - -	$272 81	
Indian " - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126 82	
Soldiers' " - - - - - - - - - - - - -	262 42	
Publication - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33 25	
Soldiers' Colportage - - - - - - - - - -	215 25	
China Mission - - - - - - - - - - - -	11 00	
Deficiency supplied by Am. Mission. Bd. Board - -	101 40	$1[illegible]

STATE FUND.

Amount sent up by the churches - - - - - - -	$[illegible] 40	
Deficiency supplied by Foster Webb, - - - - - -	43 40	

COLPORTAGE BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY FUND.

[illegible] Amount for purchase of Testaments to be [illegible] - - - - - - - - - -	$100 00	
Amount to be paid Bro. Walker - -	28 50	1[illegible]

W. B. HARALSON, [illegible]

Financial Table.

Contributing Bodies.	Foreign Missions...	Soldiers' Missions...	Indian Missions...	Bibles for Soldiers...	Soldiers' Colportage	Dom. Miss. in Assoc'n	Repayment of Pledges for Missions	Miscellaneous...	Total...
Centre Ridge Church....	.....	15 00	17 00	1 00	....	...	...	3 [illegible]	36 [illegible]
Shiloh "	.....	.....	.....	...	....	...	....	2 00	2 00
Sister Springs "	.....	.....	.....	...	....	...	....	[illegible]	2 [illegible]
Mount Gilead "	.....	12 00	11 00	...	24 50	...	....	[illegible]	52 00
Benton "	.....	13 50	7 00	...	....	10 00	....	3 [illegible]	33 [illegible]
Mrs. Sarah Gresham.....	.....	.....	.....	...	2 00	...	...	.....	2 00
Bethel Church	.....	.....	.....	15 90	....	...	....	5 45	21 [illegible]
Hopewell "	.....	.....	.....	...	34 00	...	...	6 50	40 50
Good Hope "	.....	.....	.....	...	....	...	....	3 25	3 25
Unity "	.....	16 00	.....	...	....	...	...	[illegible]	19 50
1st Montgomery Church..	57 81	57 82	78 82	..	39 75	9 55	....	15 00	275 75
Bethany " ..	5 00	15 00	13 00	..	22 00	...	...	2 00	57 00
2d Montgomery " ..	.....	.....	...	..	25 50	..	...	[illegible]	50 [illegible]
[illegible] " .	.....	.....	....	..	....	...	120 00	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] " ..	...	....	....	..	..	3 50	....	2 00	5 50
[illegible] " ..	...	...	...	.	9 00	..	90 00	3 00	102 00
[illegible] " ..	..	...	...	..	....	...	...	5 00	5 00
[illegible] ..	..	[illegible]	..	...	11 95	...	...	[illegible]	17 95
[illegible] .	.....	1 00	...	...	29 77	14 00	..	[illegible]	47 75
[illegible] .	.....	.....	....	...	....	..	...	[illegible]	8 00
[illegible] "	.....	.....	...	.	12 00	.	...	[illegible]	15 00
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	..	...	2 00	5 50
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	..	.	[illegible]	2 [illegible]
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	..	..	..	.	[illegible]	3 00
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	..	..	..	.	1 00	1 00
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	15 [illegible]	.	..	.	[illegible]	21 [illegible]
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	..	.	[illegible]	2 00
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	...	.	[illegible]	3 00
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	..	.	[illegible]	2 [illegible]
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	5 00	..	.	[illegible]	7 [illegible]
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	..	...	[illegible]	2 50
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	..	....	..	.	[illegible]	3 00
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	..	.	[illegible]	2 00
[illegible] "	.....	...	...	.	....	10 00	....	[illegible]	10 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	172 [illegible]

[illegible] Missions, $1 00. First Methodist [illegible] for [illegible]

D. R. LIDE, Cash'r [illegible]